

Envision 2020 COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

TOMBSTONE MEETING SUMMARY December 15, 2007

Number of Participants: 9

What changes are expected to impact the area?

Local themes

- Population growth
- Increased requirements for infrastructure
- Continued deterioration unless action taken
- Accelerated deterioration of Tombstone water pipeline from the Huachuca Mountains to Tombstone (due to County issuing permits to allow building over pipeline)

County-wide perspectives

- Population growth
 - Increased pressure to do something about water
 - Increased interest in more Planning & Zoning regulation & guidance
 - Increased need for transportation, affordable housing, water, public service, infrastructure, law enforcement, jobs, etc
 - Increased pollution (light, air, water)
 - Overall threat to the environment
 - Increased need for management of all of the above by properly trained people
- Strong concern about agriculture interests due to growth pressures

What characteristics of the area should NOT be changed?

Local themes

- Preservation of historical assets
 - Historic district
 - Courthouse
 - City Hall

Also mentioned

- Environmental quality
- Tombstone lifestyle
 - Tourism
 - Diversity
 - Costume & cowboy workforce

County-wide perspectives

- Open space & vistas
- Dark night skies
- Wildlife corridors (safe)
- San Pedro Riparian Area
- Opportunities for small businesses in proximity to housing areas

- Non-motorized recreation areas
- Opportunities for young families to grow & prosper

Also mentioned

- No new interstates
- Properly constructed & maintained dirt roads
- Protect entire San Pedro River through the county

What do we fear or hope for as the community changes or grows?

Hopes

Local themes

- Community can develop opportunities for young families
 - Limited commercial
 - Open opportunities for activities, theater arts, etc.
- Leadership be developed in City & County
- Have well organized growth
- Affordable housing for younger service workers
- Good subdivision & land planning

County-wide perspectives

- Visionary—rise above individual issues for the overall good
- People willing to support guidance to control growth
- Educate public regarding what it takes to physically and financially provide for clean air, clean water, flood control, transportation, parks, public services
- Use of clean alternative energies

Fears

Local themes

- Excessive growth
- That our hopes won't happen

County-wide perspectives

- Increased struggles with developers
- People at loggerhead with each other—win/lose mentality
- Significantly increased property taxes
- People unwilling to properly fund infrastructure to support quality of life
- Loss of private property rights
- Loss of water/air quality, habitat
- Environmental extremism
- Loss of rural lifestyles

Also mentioned

- People oppose capitalism

What are your ideas for how the community should change or grow?

Local Ideas

- No development near San Pedro River
- Building codes should be enforced
- Denser development, widely spaced
- State land within City limits released for development so municipality can derive revenue from business on this property
- Pave Gleeson Road

County-wide ideas

- Retain density areas and rural areas
- Land swap of J-6 ranch for other more build able land
- Do not sell State Trust land
- Increase conservation areas & easements
- Clusters, or nodes of light industry, commercial and residential mixed use county-wide as each area specifically warrants
- Encourage cooperative activities to minimize pollution
- Reduction in heavy polluting industry
- Change is inevitable, ugliness is not